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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION LINE 5 PARA 4)

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SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED NATO DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO WEU

REF:A.USNATO 6954 DTG 211718Z DEC 76  
B. PARIS 36834 DTG 131809Z DEC 76  
C. ROME 20329 DTG 141800Z DEC 76  
D. STATE 292199 DTG 010154Z DEC 76

1. AS INDICATED REF A, CHIEF NATO SECURITY OFFICER HAS  
CONCLUDED THAT NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PASSED TO  
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WEU IS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE ARMAMENTS CONTROL AGENCY OF  
THE WEU, IS HANDLED THERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO SECURITY  
REGULATIONS AND IS ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED. RELEASE OF  
NATO CLASSIFIED DATA TO PARLIAMENTARIANS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY  
OF EACH MEMBER COUNTRY AND PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE  
NOT AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE IT IN THEIR CAPACITY AS MEMBERS  
OF THE WEU. THE CLASSIFIED DATA IS NOT RELEASED BY NATO

FOR THE DIRECT USE OF PARTICIPATING PARLIAMENTARIANS  
EITHER IN THE WEU ASSEMBLY OR IN THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

2. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT NATO SHOULD CONTINUE TO  
MONITOR THIS SITUATION CAREFULLY. FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH  
THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DANGER AT PRESENT THAT PCI  
PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED DATA AS  
ALLEGED IN NOV 30 PRESS ARTICLE REFERRED TO IN REF D,  
ISSUE THAT DOES FACE US NOW IS PREPARING, IN COORDINATION  
WITH NATO AUTHORITIES, ADEQUATE GUIDANCE FOR PRESS AND  
OTHER QUERIES TO MEET CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTELS B  
AND C.

3. MISSION SHOULD ACCORDINGLY DISCUSS THIS WITH LUNS  
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

--WE UNDERSTAND THAT WEU FOLLOWS NATO SECURITY REGULATIONS  
IN HANDLING NATO CLASSIFIED DATA AND WE ASSUME ACCORDINGLY  
THAT THIS DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUAL PARLIA-  
MENTARIANS.

--NONETHELESS, A PUBLIC IMPRESSION HAS EMERGED, RESULTING  
FROM SOME INACCURATE PRESS COVERAGE, THAT TWO PCI  
PARLIAMENTARIANS RECENTLY NAMED TO WEU WILL IN FACT HAVE  
ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED NATO MATERIAL IN THEIR WEU CAPACITY.

--SUCH AN IMPRESSION, IF NOT CORRECTED, COULD GIVE WRONG  
SIGNALS IN ITALY, FRANCE AND POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE, RE-  
GARDING THE FIRMNESS OF ALLIANCE VIEWS AND THE VIEWS  
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OF ITS MEMBERS ABOUT COOPERATING WITH COMMUNIST PARTY  
MEMBERS.

4. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO EXACERBATE  
OR FOCUS UNDUE ATTENTION ON AN ISSUE WHICH APPEARS TO  
BE MANAGEABLE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT NATO SPOKESMAN  
SHOULD FIND OCCASION TO SAY, IN LOW-KEY BUT UNEQUIVOCAL  
WAY, THAT NATO AUTHORITIES HAVE NOTED THE  
ACCESSION TO THE WEU DEFENSE AND ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE  
OF THE PCI PARLIAMENTARIANS AND ARE FULLY SATISFIED  
THAT EXISTING PROCEDURES BETWEEN NATO AND WEU PROVIDE  
ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
MADE AVAILABLE TO WEU. NATO MIGHT WISH TO ADD, AS  
APPROPRIATE, THAT THE WEU ADHERES TO NATO SECURITY RE-  
GULATIONS WHICH, INTER ALIA, PROVIDE THAT NO NATO  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED TO THE WEU FOR  
THE USE OF ITS PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE ASSEMBLY OR IN  
THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES. (PARA 7, REF A.)

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LUNS' VIEWS ON THE ABOVE .YOU  
SHOULD ALSO TELL HIM THAT WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED RE-  
QUESTS FROM SEVERAL EMBASSIES FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE  
AND THAT WE WOULD INTEND TO DRAW ON WHATEVER GENERAL  
LINE IS DEVELOPED IN NATO IN OUR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES AS  
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